ing privately-owned utilities or the establishment of new units in the private sector is not precluded under the Resolution.

The question of facilitating participation of the private sector in power generation is receiving attention. The necessary modalities in this regard are also being examined.

गांवों में एस० टी० डी० की सुविधा

495. **श्री मिर्जा इशर्फबेग:** क्या **संचार** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) चालू वर्ष में तथा अगामी वर्षों मे देश के कौन-कौन से गांव को एस० टी० डी० की सुविधा उपलब्ध कराई जायेंगी तथा इस संबंध में आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के लक्ष्य क्या हैं;

(ख) गुजरात में साबरकांठा जिले में मोडासा, प्रांतिज, इडर, हिम्मतनगर, वायड, भिलोडा, मालपुर, मेंघरेज, खेडब्रह्म विजयनगर जैसे विभिन्न तालुका केन्द्रों को कब तक इस सुविधा से जोड़ दिया जायेगा; और

(ग) चालू वर्ष में तथा अगामी वर्ष में गुजरात राज्य के कितने जिलों तथा गांवों को यह सुलिधा प्रदान कर दी जायेगी?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री गिरिधर गोमांगो): (क) चालू वर्ष के दौरान किसी भी ग्राम में एस० टी० डी० सुविधा प्रदान करने का प्रस्ताव नहीं है। सातवीं एवं आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजनाओं के अंतर्गत ग्रामों के लिए एस० टी० डी० सुविधा का विस्तार करना शामिल नहीं है।

(ख) चालू वर्ष में चालू वाले एस० टी० डी० कार्यक्रम में मोडासा को शामिल किया गया है। चालू योजना अवधि के दौरान अन्य तालुका केन्द्रों में एस० टी० डी० प्रदान करने की बाबत कोई योजना नहीं बनाई गई है।

(ग) 16 जिला मुख्यालयों में एस० टी० डी० सुविधा पहले से सुलभ है। दो जिला मुख्यालयों में 1989-90 में एस० टी० डी० सुविधा प्रदान किए जाने की योजना है।

Setting up of site selection committee for Thermal Power Project

496. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any site selection committee for setting up thermal power project;

(b) if so, who constituted the said committee and who are its members;

(c) what are the criteria for proposing a site for power plants;

(d) whether any site has been recommended by the site selection committee for setting up fifth thermal power project of DVC; and

(e) what is the reaction of Government to the said proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) A site selection committee has been set up by the Ministry of Energy (Department of Power) to indentify suitable sites for large thermal power stations. The composition of the committee is given in the enclosed statement [see below]

(c) Identification of suitable new sites for setting up large thermal power stations in different regions of the country is done keeping in view relevant techno-economic consideration including:—

(a) availability of power grade coal and feasibility of its transportation;

(b) availability of water;

(c) availability of land for the power plant and ash disposal etc.;

(d) geological suitability of sites, soil conditions, and amenability to floods;

(e) Environmental considerations; and

(f) Evacuation of power to load centres.

(d) The report of the committee has not yet been received.

(e) Does not arise in view of reply to(d) above.

Statement

Composition of the Committee for selection of sites for large thermal power stations

1	Member (Thermal)	Chairman C.E.A.
2.	A Representative of the SEB in the jurisdiction of which a suitable site is located and being investigated.	Member
3.	A representative of the Department of Coal	Member
4.	A representative of M/s. CMPDIL.	Member
5.	A representative of M/s. NTPC.	Member
6.	A representative of Ministry of Railways.	Member
7.	A representative of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Wildlife.	Member
8.	A representative of the Department of Industrial Development.	Member
9.	A representative of the Planning Commission.	Member
10.	A representative of the Geological Survey of India.	Member
11.	Chief Engineer (Thermal Planning), C.E.A.	Member-Secretary

Price monitoring cell

497. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to tate:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has set up a monitoring cell to monitor the prices of drugs;

(b) if so, the names of bulk drugs and finished medicines where prices have gone up by more than 50% after the announcement of DPCO, 1987; and

(c) what was the price of each before DPCO, 1987, what is the present prices and what is the parcentage increase in each case?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGALRAO): (a) Yes, sir.

(b) and (c) As per the provisions of DPCO, 1987, the manufactures of decontrolled drugs are free to revise the prices. However, Government is keeping a watch and has intervened whereever found necessary. The details required in the Question are quite voluminous and the time and effort required for collection thereof will not be commensurate with the result likely to be achieved.

Communications from Members of Parliament regarding Drug Industry

498. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry received a number of communications from Members of Parliament on various issues concerning drug industry;

(b) if so, the total number of communications received during the last two years, yearwise alongwith details of each; and

(c) how many communications have been replied to and how many are still pending?